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SUBJECT: GHANAIAI VIEWS ON NON-ALIGNED THINKING AT UN

1. IN COURSE OF LENGTHY LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WITH MISOFF, GHANAIAI PERM REP BOATEN MADE SEVERAL COMMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE INDICATIVE OF PRESENT AFRICAN NON-ALIGNED THINKING, IN WAKE OF NON-ALIGNED ALGIERS CONF AND VOTES IN UNGA TO DATE.

2. BOATEN ASSERTED US MUST KEEP IN MIND THAT UN MEMBERS CONSTANTLY ARE ENGAGED IN VOTE "TRADE-OFFS" AT UN. AS SPECIFIC EXAMPLE, HE SAID US NEGATIVE VOTE ON GUINEA-BISSAU (USUN 4431) RATHER THAN AT LEAST ABSTENTION COULD WELL COST US GHANA'S SUPPORT IF (WHEN) ISSUE OF PRG INVITATION TO LOS CONF ARISES IN UNGA PLENARY. (HE IMPLIED GHANA WOULD ABSTAIN). ALTHOUGH NOT STATED DIRECTLY, BOATEN ALSO IMPLIED THIS US ACTION COULD COST EXPECTED AFRICAN VOTES ON OTHER ISSUES ON WHICH US LOBBYING (KOREA, KHMER CREDENTIALS, ETC.) (COMMENT: THIS POINT, INCIDENTALLY, ECHOES THEME IN SEVERAL AF GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS AS WELL AS OTHER CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE HAD WITH "NON-ALIGNED.")

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3. BOATEN MADE CLEAR THAT WHEN AFRICAN ISSUES OR ISSUES

OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO AFS ARISE, US CAN CONTINUE TO EXPECT STRONG AFRICAN SOLIDARITY, ACCOMPANIED BY INCREASED SENSITIVITY TO US VOTE. IN POLITICAL SPHERE, HE MENTIONED GUINEA-BISSAU AND AMONG ECONOMIC ISSUES, INTEREST OF AFRICAN LDCS AS WELL AS LDCS AS WHOLE IN SOVIET PROPOSAL "REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS."

4. ON ISSUES NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO AFS, HOWEVER, BOATEN SAID AFRICANS OFTEN CAN AFFORD TO SPLIT ON POSITIONS. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID, WHEN LARGE NUMBER OF AFRICANS BECOME CO-SPONSORS OR TAKE LEAD IN SUPPORT OF PARTICULAR POSITION ON ISSUE (KOREA OR KHMER), GHANA FOR EXAMPLE MUST TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION EVEN IF FIRMLY OPPOSED. ON SUCH OCCASIONS, "POLITICAL REALITIES" OF LIVING WITH OTHER AFRICANS WILL MOVE HIS GOVT INTO RECONSIDERATION OF POSITION, RESULTING POSSIBLY IN WORK TOWARD COMPROMISE, OR INTO ABSTENTION.

5. COMMENT: USUN WILL BE PREPARING ANALYSIS OF AF AND NON-ALIGNED REACTION TO RECENT US VOTING ON AFRICAN ISSUES, INCLUDING GUINEA-BISSAU. WE ALSO PLAN EVALUATE FURTHER AT THAT TIME OVER-ALL CURRENTS WORKING ON AND WITHIN AF AND NON-ALIGNED GROUP.

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